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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, TH
SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: EXTRDITION REQUEST FOR MA SAU TS'UNG

REF: BANGKOK 5495

1. IN A CALL ON GENERAL PHOT PHEKANAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NATIONAL POLICE, APRIL 21, THE CHARGE' BRIEFED PHOT ON OUR SUPPORT FOR THAILAND'S ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS AND OUR AWARENESS OF WHAT THE THAI HAVE ACHIEVED DURING THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. CHARGE' ALSO PRAISED THE WORK OF THE NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION CENTER (THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT PHOT WAS THINKING OF REDUCE ITS ROLE) AND DESCRIBED NEED FOR STILL GREATER EFFORTS BY TNPD, BETTER INTELLIGENCE, ADDITIONAL MANPOWER DEVOTED TO ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES AND EFFORTS TO IMPROVE POLICE LEVEL COOPERATON BETWEEN THAILAND AND BURMA. PHOT WAS GENERALLY RECEPTIVE BUT MADE NO SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS.

2. ON SPECIFIC ISSUES, CHARGE' RAISED THE PROBLEM OF THE EXTRADITION REQUEST FOR MA SSU TSUNG ET AL. THE CHARGE' DESCRIBED THE IMPORTANCE OF MA AND HIS TWO ACCOMPLICES IN INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING, OTED THAT THE MATTER WAS NOW WITH SPECIAL ZRANCH WHICH WAS WORKING ON POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION AND ESTABLISHING THE NATINALITY OF THE THREE, AND URGED THAT PHOT GIVE THE MATTER HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION. CHARGE' MENTIONED IT HAS BEEN SOME MONTHS SINCE WE MADE OUR REQUEST FOR EXTRADITIN. WE NEED IMMEDIATELY TO RESOLVE NATIONALITY ISSUE SO WE CAN DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT EXTRADITION S A POSSIBILITY. PHOT SAID THAT HE WOULD EXPEDITE
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THE SPECAL BRANCH INQUIRY. HE ASURED THE CHARGE' THAT

HE LIKES "TO GET THINGS DONE RAPIDLY."

3. ALTHOUGH PHOT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE
DETAILS OF THE RTG ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAM, HE APPEARED
WILLING TO CONTINUE THE GOOD RAPPORT WITH THE U.S. ESTABLISHED
UNDER HIS PREDECESSOR, GENERAL PRACHUAB.
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